MIDTERM Solution Sheet AA214A Fall 1998

1. Using Taylor Tables

(a) the finite difference scheme for the 3^{rd} derivative

$$\delta_{xxx}u_j = \frac{-u_{j-2} + bu_{j-1} + cu_j + du_{j+1} + u_{j+2}}{a\Delta x^3}$$

has

where the first 4 columns are set to 0, resulting in the four equations for the four unknowns

$$b+c+d=0$$

$$b-d=4$$

$$b+d=0$$

$$6a+b-d=16$$

You can either solve them directly or put then into matrix form and solve, resulting in [a, b, c, d] = [2, 2, 0, -2]

(b) Actually to prove 2^{nd} order accuracy one needs to eliminate the fifth column, which is b+d=0, so it is satisfied. Evaluating the sixth column results in

$$er_t = \frac{1}{a\Delta x^3 \left(\frac{b-d-64}{5!}\right)} \Delta x^5 \left(\left(\frac{\partial^5 u}{\partial x^5}\right)_j\right)_j = -\frac{1}{4} \Delta x^2 \left(\left(\frac{\partial^5 u}{\partial x^5}\right)_j\right)_j$$

which is second order accurate.

(c) For the continuous function $u(x) = e^{ikx}$ the third derivative gives $\partial_{xxx}e^{ikx} = -ik^3e^{ikx}$. Using the discrete function $u_j = e^{ikj\Delta x}$ produces $\delta_{xxx}u_j = -i(k^*)^3u_j$. Applying this to the difference equation leads to

$$-i(k^*)^3 = \frac{1}{2\Delta x^3} \left[-e^{-2ik\Delta x} + 2e^{-ik\Delta x} - 2e^{ik\Delta x} + e^{2ik\Delta x} \right]$$
$$= \frac{i}{\Delta x^3} \left[\sin 2k\Delta x - 2\sin k\Delta x \right]$$

This gives

$$(k^*)^3 = \frac{2\sin k\Delta x - \sin 2k\Delta x}{\Delta x^3}$$

(d) Expanding using the series expression for sin and reducing leads to

$$(k^*)^3 = k^3 - \frac{1}{4}k^5\Delta x^2 + \cdots$$

which confirms the second order accuracy from 1b. Note: I did not try to reduce $(k^*)^3$ by taking the third root and result 1d serves as a check for 1b and visa versa.

2. Applying the representaive equation $u' = \lambda u$ to the O Δ E scheme

$$u_{n+1} = u_{n-1} + h \left(2\beta_1(u')_n + \beta_0(u')_{n-1} \right)$$

results in

(a)

$$Eu_n = E^{-1}u_n + 2\beta_1 h \lambda u_n + \beta_0 h \lambda E^{-1}u_n$$

$$P(E) = E - 2\beta_1 h \lambda - (1 + \beta_0 h \lambda) E^{-1}$$

$$P(\sigma) = 0 \rightarrow \sigma_{1,2} = h \lambda \beta_1 \pm \sqrt{1 + \beta_0 h \lambda + h^2 \lambda^2 \beta_1^2}$$

- (b) Principal and spurious roots can be identified by replacing $h\lambda = 0$ giving us $\sigma_1 = 0 + \sqrt{1} = 1$ (the principal root) and $\sigma_2 = 0 \sqrt{1} = -1$ (the spurious root).
- (c) Taking σ_1 , expanding the square root term and forming er_t we get

$$er_t = e^{\lambda h} - h\lambda \beta_1 - 1 - \frac{1}{2}(\beta_0 h\lambda + \beta_1^2 h^2 \lambda^2) + \frac{1}{8}(\beta_0 h\lambda + \beta_1^2 h^2 \lambda^2)^2 + \cdots$$

- i. For 1^{st} Order Accuracy, we have the condition $\beta_0 + 2\beta_1 = 2$, which gives $er_t = O(h^2)$.
- ii. For 2^{nd} Order Accuracy, we have the condition $\beta_0 = 0, \beta_1 = 1$, which gives $er_t = O(h^3)$.
- 3. Applying the representative equation to the predictor-corrector scheme

$$\overline{u}_{n+1} = u_n + h(u')_n$$

 $u_{n+1} = u_n + \frac{1}{2}h \left(3(\overline{u}')_{n+1} - (u')_n\right)$

results in the matrix form

(a)

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc} E & -(1+h\lambda) \\ -\frac{3}{2}h\lambda E & E-1+\frac{1}{2}h\lambda \end{array}\right] \left[\begin{array}{c} \overline{u}^n \\ u^n \end{array}\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} h \\ \frac{3}{2}hE-\frac{1}{2}h \end{array}\right] ae^{\mu hn}$$

giving us

$$[P(E)]\vec{u}^n = [\vec{Q}(E)]ae^{\mu hn}$$

The characteristic polynominal P(E) is obtained as P(E) = determinant of [P(E)] giving

$$P(E) = E[E - 1 - h\lambda - \frac{3}{2}h\lambda^{2}]$$

(b) The σ roots are obtained by letting $P(\sigma) = 0$ which gives us the trivial root $\sigma_2 = 0$ and

$$\sigma_1 = 1 + h\lambda + \frac{3}{2}(h\lambda)^2$$

(c) Using the series expansion of

$$e^{\lambda h} = 1 + h\lambda + \frac{1}{2}(h\lambda)^2 + \frac{1}{6}(h\lambda)^3 + \cdots$$

we have $er_{\lambda} = -h^2 \lambda^2$ showing a 1st order method. Note: common mistake is to say this is a 2nd Order method. Take off one power of h for the order of accuracy for to u_n .

4. EXTRA CREDIT PROBLEMS

A system of PDE's produces a $\lambda = \alpha + i\beta$

- (a) The resulting ODE is stable for $\alpha > 0$.
 - i. This is **FALSE**, the $Re(\lambda) \leq 0$ for inherent stability of ODE.
- (b) An O Δ E with $\sigma = 1 + \lambda h$ and $\alpha = 0, \beta \neq 0$ is unconditionally unstable.
 - i. This is **TRUE**, $|\sigma| = \sqrt{1 + \beta^2 h^2} \ge 0$ for all βh , leading to unconditionally instability.

Independent of λ

(c) The Leapfrog Scheme produces the two roots:

$$\sigma_1 = \lambda h + \sqrt{1 + (\lambda h)^2}$$

 $\sigma_2 = \lambda h - \sqrt{1 + (\lambda h)^2}$

where σ_2 is the principal root.

i. This is **FALSE**, $\sigma_1 \to 1$ as $\lambda h \to 0$ and $\sigma_2 \to -1$, showing that σ_1 is the principal root and σ_2 is the spurious root.

NOTE: I only gave extra points if you gave a valid explaination, not just for the T/F result.